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## Changes in Faculty, Building Start Year Off

### New Staff Members Number Seventeen

New faces of 1961 confront many students today. In addition to the confusion of noise, construction, room assignments, light lunches, and school work, another problem presents itself. Fourteen teachers, two library assistants and one assistant principal are strange faces to many Shaker students.

In the event that any of these individuals become lost or mistaken for oldtimers, here follows a lineup to know your new teachers.

#### New Assistant Principal

Dr. Carroll W. Palmer is the new assistant principal who also will handle some instruction duties. Mrs. Susan Berlin and Mrs. Mary Lou Swartz can be found in the library helpfully assisting Mrs. Larrimore and company. Mr. Robert Leibold, who has been in the Shaker system, will help direct the orchestra for the first time this year.

The English department has two new members. They are Mrs. Mae Brown and Mr. Earl Seidman. Mr. Francis J. Warne and Miss Beverly Weir will greet French students. Spanish is represented by Miss June Mills and Latin by Miss Agnes Knight.

#### New Mathematicians

New faces in mathematics are Mrs. Mary Jean Kubiak and Mr. David Demmerle. The social studies department receives Mr. Robert Wheeler and Mr. James D. Chrysler. Miss Rose Mary Prosen teaches business education.

Two new teachers will greet the girls in gym. The physical educators are Miss Barbara Biederman and Miss Sharon Lee Miller.

Many colleges and universities are represented, from Wooster College to Ohio State to Western Reserve to Yale.

### A Greeting From the Principal

It is indeed a privilege to extend sincere greetings to you, the students and staff of the Shaker Heights High School.

The 1961-62 school year promises to be an interesting and challenging one for us. It will be interesting to observe the construction of the addition and changes to the building. It will be challenging to carry on our work well in spite of the inconveniences caused by the construction.

Whether or not it is a good year will depend upon the co-operation, patience, and effort of every student and teacher. Let's everyone do his part in making it a good year.

Russell H. Rupp  
Principal

### A Suggestion From the President

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you back from your summer vacation. All of us connected with the Student Council are looking forward to a successful year. I know that all of you will take an active part in student activities and will co-operate with and support your Student Council. I urge everyone to participate in student affairs, for, as the term implies, student government depends largely upon you, the students.

Bob Rawson  
Student Council President



Not quite ready for basketball games, the gym should be finished some time in January. Games will be played in Woodbury until then.

### Clubs to Hold Open Meetings During Know-Your-Club Week

Most of the non-selective clubs in Shaker's extracurricular system will participate in Know-Your-Club Week from September 25-30. Each club is planning to devote a half hour after school to an open meeting during which the club officers will tell of its purpose, functions, and general information about the club.

A few of the participating clubs are listed below.

Bridge Club is open to those interested in playing or learning to play contract bridge.

Chess Club, for those desiring to play chess, meets weekly, has frequent tournaments and has one of the highest ranking chess teams in the city.

Drama Production Club, open to those interested in all phases of dramatics, works on major plays during the school season.

#### Debating Team Expected

Debate Club, now entering its second year, is looking forward to a season of expansion and stimulating discussion.

French Club, open to all second, third, and fourth year French students, acquaints the students with some of the more interesting aspects of France and the French people.

Y-Teens, similar to the boys'

Hi-Y, is a service organization affiliated with the YMCA, just as Hi-Y is with the YMCA.

The Junior Council on World Affairs, offering a much wider program this year, is for all interested in discussing current world crises.

The Pre-Med Club is open to those interested in medicine as a career and has doctors as speakers.

Youth Council on Human Relations is for those wishing to hear about and discuss the problems facing mankind in his relationships to others.

Another club, the Ham Radio Club, is looking for people interested in making their own ham sets and also for those who want to learn more about amateur radio.

### Student Council to Sponsor Sale Of Activity Tickets in Homerooms

By Barry Pomerantz

As soon as students come marching to the high school to begin the new school year, their coins and greenbacks rapidly disengage themselves from their possessors' pockets and steal their way into the general coffers of the school. This annual event at Shaker is called the Activity Ticket Sale.

During the week running from Thursday, September 7, to Thursday, September 14, Student Council members will sell Activity Tickets in their homerooms. Funds collected from this drive make it possible for various school activities to be financially successful.

#### School-wide Activities

"Activities which are supported by the ticket are school-wide," stated Richard D. Klyver, faculty adviser of the Student Council. These activities and their corresponding share of each ticket are the following: Shakerite \$1.80, class dues, \$50, assembly fund, \$05, Stu-

### Boys' Gym to Open January 6; New Wing Due September, '62

By Jeanne Brown

Although it is quite obvious that Shaker is having a face-lifting, the extent of the revamping cannot be fully appreciated by just looking around. Therefore, here is a complete list of the important changes taking place in the building.

New and brighter lights have been installed in the small auditorium so that it can be used as a study hall. A new floor has also been added. The large auditorium and balcony also have new lights for future study halls. New light ports for the stage have been built in the ceiling and side walls. The stage crew can look forward to a new switchboard.

All the clanking and banging last spring was caused by the old coal furnace being pulled out and replaced by a new gas furnace. Several hot water tanks and new boilers are also being installed. The school will be heatless until late October, so there might be a few cool days.

#### Dimmer Dances

Dances will be dimmer this year. The old lights in the girls' gym have been subdued and new fluorescent lights have been put up. Visiting varsity girls' teams will have a new locker room, and girls at Shaker will have a larger one. The showers are being remodeled into one large room.

Off the pool there will be a new office which can be entered only from the pool. New ventilation has been installed in the pool, and a wall has been built behind the seats. The corridor behind the new wall will be opened as a hallway between the Band and Choral wings. Sliding aluminum doors were built in the new wall to allow spectators to watch swim meets and shows from the corridor.

Especially affecting the boys will be the extension of the boys' gym, allowing 700 additional seats to be built for wrestling

meets and basketball games. Meanwhile, classes will be held outside.

Where the coaches' offices were, a new ladies lavatory has been installed so that the entire building will not have to be opened for basketball games.

#### Gym Due in January

"This renovating will not be completed until approximately January 6, 1962," commented Mr. Louis Shambarger, head warehouse custodian.

September, 1962, is the date set for the opening of the new wing and the remodeled library. In the meantime, Room 224 will serve as the library.

Room 214 will be the new dishwashing room and the old cafeteria will be remodeled. A sliding door will separate the remodeled cafeteria from a new additional cafeteria built over the library.

"These changes and the new additions will not be completed until September, 1962," Mr. Shambarger apologized. "It takes a longer time when you have to tear down and then build up again."

#### Kitchen Set for October

By October, a new kitchen will be finished. All the old, bulky appliances are being replaced by new, space-saving equipment. New lights and an extensive air distribution system are the other additions for the cafeteria. A fan room for the new air system will be located in the teachers' dining room. Meanwhile, students will have to use other rooms and their homerooms for lunch. There are now going to be two long lunch periods, and instead of six periods, the day will be divided into seven periods.

### Kickoff Fete Starts Social Ball Rolling

Cheering from the bleachers, dancing in the parking lot and singing of football tunes will add to the excitement of the Kick-off Party on Friday, September 8.

Coach Noy Sanna will introduce the JayVee and varsity football teams, which will run through a few of their plays for the spectators in the stadium. The cheerleaders will also be on hand to show their new cheers and to go over their old ones.

Twenty-five senior girls wearing red potato sack outfits will perform skits, sing, and dance for the occasion. Dancing in the parking lot to the accompaniment of drills, steam shovels, and a band will follow.



## Question of the Day

## Is Construction Constructive?

By Rusty Spaeth

A squad of construction workers ran swiftly by the school office, trailing detonating wire behind them and clutching their aluminum hats and union cards tightly.

The men whisked past the auditorium and ran for the high ground near Woodbury Junior High School. On a hill above Woodbury's creek, they flung themselves to earth and waited.

Tension seized the men's lowered heads; the south half of the high school lifted, expanded, and then rained to earth with a roar and crash audible for miles.

As the bricks settled, one of the construction workers dared to lift his head. With a lump in his throat, he spoke softly, "Shucks, that was the last of the dynamite. Now we can't do any more blasting."

"Don't cry, Michael," counseled another worker. "You remember what the Boss said. If we are good boys and do our jobs well, he'll order more dynamite, and we can blast next week during our lunch hour."

"I want to blast now," sulked the first construction worker.

## Student Council Votes

One week after the blast, the Student Council voted unanimously (the Student Council always votes unanimously) to sponsor an assembly in order to promote undying love and affection between the students and the construction workers.

Before the Goodwill Assembly could take place, however, a representative for the construction workers appeared before the Executive Board of the Student Council to outline his proposed speech.

"To you responsible young people of the Student Council," the representative began. "I bring you greetings. As I see it, my purpose in speaking to the vast throngs of intellectuals which compose your student body is twofold. First, I wish to keep the students up to date on our construction program, though I realize that our work up to this time has been mostly destructive. As you know, our work completely knocked out your administrative faculty, and it is extremely doubtful that any of you will get into college without your school records which seem to have been festooned throughout a fifteen square mile area. But I digress.

## Cheerleaders Drill Throughout Summer

Eleven cheerleaders have been working all summer to improve school spirit at football and basketball games. The four boys and seven girls have practiced six hours each week.

If the group's enthusiasm rubs off on those attending the games, their work will have been worth the effort. Pat Lovshin, co-captain of the cheerleaders, says, "We've pepped things up and we're going to have a little different style." Improvements include new cheers, elimination of several lengthy yells, and more pep in presentation.

The group consists of Julie Bodwell, Dee Dee Burton, Suzy Connor, Betsy Geller, Adrian Ingle, and Pat Lovshin and Diana Neale, co-captains. The boys are Jim Horsburg, Jim Meyers, Jim Orr and Fred Weed.

"My second purpose in speaking to your student body is to calm them down. It is my job to convince them that we construction people are doing them a service, so that they will cease destroying our building equipment."

"To help further friendly relations between workers and students I will announce at the assembly two social events, the Construction Clash Canteen and the Big Blast Dance, to be held in the future."

## Artful Workmen

During the time between the representative's appearance before the Executive Board and the student body assembly, construction work surged on. Eventually the workmen artfully constructed a crater where the former high school had been.

When the day of the Goodwill Assembly finally arrived, student feeling against the construction program was widespread, despite the Construction Clash Canteen and the Big Blast Dance. United in a common cause, the students captured and bound the construction workers and sent out search parties to recover the student records still hanging on trees.

## Tempers Flare as Summer Renews Age-old Conflict

By Jay Starkoff

While the majority of you enjoyed vacation (perhaps not a majority, considering summer school and jobs), two forces quietly went about having a showdown. This may suggest something of an international nature, but actually it is important on a more local level.

Judging from the origin of reports, the situation exists mainly near the Shaker-Cleveland boundary. It seems to reach full force during the summer, when the people involved are more likely to move into each others' territory.

It is, of course, the Great Ice Cream Bar War, in which Uncle Marty goes forth to do battle against the Good Humor Man for control of the popsicle market. Starting with a tinkle of bells, a horde of little fiends descends upon the ice cream truck. Because the entire horde usually ends up buying only two or three frozen items, stiff competition results.

## Possible Gimmicks

Sales might be improved by the use of a few "gimmicks." A myriad of ideas comes to mind, but since this is a rather large number, here are just two:

(1) Trading cards on the popsicle wrappers. Very few could get into actual circulation—just try to pull a wrapper off in one piece sometime—but look what they did for bubble gum!

(2) Advancing to the edible part, why not try unusual shapes? Imagine your ten-year-old neighbor trying to buy a mushroom-shaped frozen product. Eating it would be only half the fun.

These ideas only scratch the surface, other ways to end the dispute have probably already entered your scheming mind. Such as the police.

## Free Canteens Lure Big Crowds As Attendance Sets Record

Byron Junior High was a standard meeting place for Shaker teenagers last summer. There the Shaker Recreation Board sponsored a canteen on Monday nights open to all Shaker residents of high school age.

## Raiders Score High In NABF League

By Tom Humphrey

Shaker baseball hopes for this spring rose greatly with the over-all performance of the returning varsity in National Amateur Baseball Federation competition during the summer.

The Raiders finished in a tie for fourth place with a 7-11 record, one of the best in recent years. The Shaker nine, playing against older teams from all over Cleveland, played steady baseball and stayed in contention in every game because of their consistent defense.

Excellent hitting by left fielder Ron Mesnick and second baseman Brian Kutash led the offense, while Bob Rawson at third base, Tom Humphrey at shortstop, and Steve Abrams in center field proved solid on defense. Pitchers Pete Fager and Jerry Goetz and catcher Larry Lukasik proved excellent battery mates.

Beginning on June 19, the canteens lasted until August 7. Each Monday night nearly nine hundred students danced to the music of various bands and socialized with their friends. The first Monday night only two hundred people came, but after that the turned soared and reached one thousand a few times.

## Free Admission

Admission was free since Shaker received the services of the bands free. Members of the Musicians' Union played every Monday as a contribution to the community. The Recreation Board did not make any money from the canteens.

Forty Shaker High boys and girls participated on the canteen committee. They sold soft drinks and other food behind the snack bar and helped in other places to make sure everything ran smoothly.

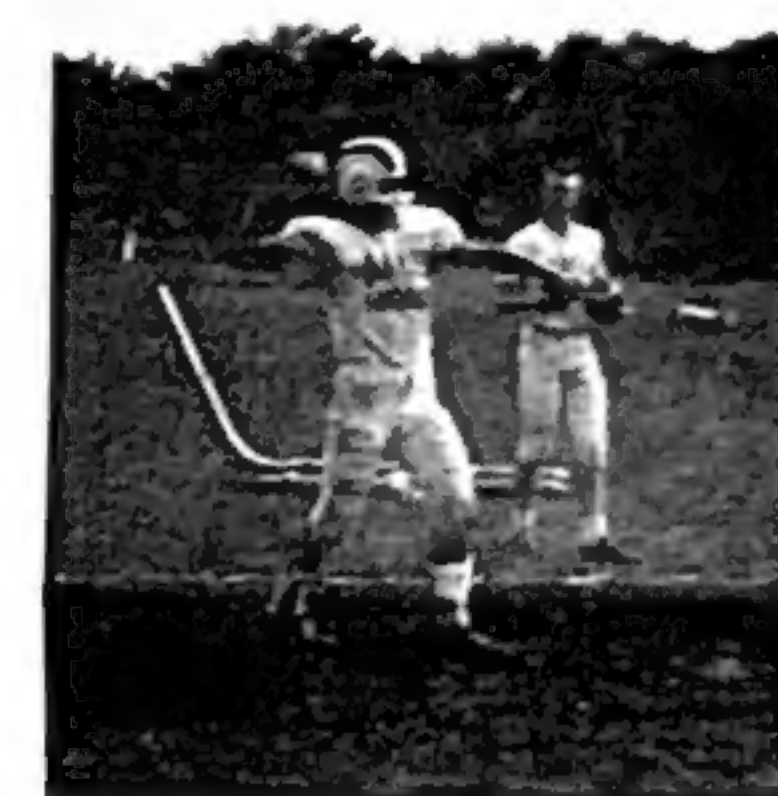


Photo by Ed Schor

Larry Lukasik shows passing form as Jim McGeorge looks on.

## Ticket Talk

An interesting football team, an active Student Council, and a varied club program present an unbeatable combination for a happy school year.

Only by purchasing an Activity Ticket can the student body receive the full benefit of this combination, share the excitement of a thrill-packed football season, enjoy better assemblies, retain the complete intramural program, support the Senior Prom, or read about all of these activities in the *Shakerite*.

Especially in this year of change and transition, when everything will be a little harder, it is imperative that the Activity Ticket Sale be a success. Since the above activities affect everybody, everybody is expected to buy a ticket.

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## Shorts on Sports

By Dick Stanford

A strong starting eleven with a not so strong bench—this is Coach Noy Sanna's analysis of the 1961 Red Raider football squad which will open its season Saturday on the Shaker gridiron against Wooster.

Returning quarterback Larry Lukasik, who should improve considerably over his good sophomore showing, and fullback Joe Pelko, who made PresStars as a junior last year, provide an excellent, experienced core in the offensive backfield. The return of these two in addition to other experienced men on offense such as Bob Rawson and Jim McGeorge leads Coach Sanna to believe that the squad will be a little stronger on offense than on defense.

A series of minor injuries to key men during pre-season practice sessions indicates that during the regular season, even more than usually, the Raider fate will lie in the bench. Unfortunately, the Sannamen this year must depend on most of their reserve strength from a squad which as JayVees lost nine successive contests.

The varsity will pick up considerable backfield depth from last year's sophomore squad but will gain little in linemen. The Sannamen lost several top linemen through graduation last June and this loss may prove quite serious to the present varsity, as there do not seem to be any outstanding linemen newly joining the varsity this year.

The Raiders will face several strong teams this year, with the roughest opposition probably coming from Parma, Shaw, and Euclid. Arch rival Cleveland Heights can never be counted out either. A late season upset victory over Shaw last year indicates that the Sannamen can defeat any of these teams. Last year the Raiders dropped their opener to Wooster, 6-0, and lost two valuable starters on injuries. A good turnout Saturday would aid the Raiders greatly in their bid for revenge.